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WORK EXPERIENCE

01/02/2020 – CURRENT – Trento, Italy

PROFESSOR IN COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (PROFESSORE ORDINARIO) – Faculty of Law and School of International Studies, University of Trento

Tasks at the School of International Studies comprise research in interdisciplinary **research** projects (currently on the European crisis) and **teaching** at Masters level as well as in the PhD programme.

Member of the **executive board** of the School.

Main Research Interests

Comparative federalism and regionalism; governance and constitutional law of the European Union; minority rights; legal management of diversity; constitutional transformation in South-Eastern Europe

Teaching (Regular Courses taught at Trento University – Graduate and PhD level):
European Union Law; Comparative Constitutional Law of Groups and Minorities; Introduction into the Law of the German-speaking countries; Comparative Constitutional Law; Comparative Administrative Law

Teaching and Research Abroad

Vermont Law School (USA, 2008-2012); University of Regensburg (Germany, 2008-2010, 2012-2014); University of Innsbruck (Austria, 2010-11); Visiting professor Global Law Program, University of Haifa (Israel, 12/2011); University of Graz (Austria, 2012, 2014); University of Belgrade (Serbia, 2014-2018), Visiting professor Hebrew University Jerusalem (Israel, 11/2014 and 01/2017).

2010 – 2020 – Trento, Italy

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR IN COMPARATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL LAW (PROFESSORE ASSOCIATO) – Faculty of Law and at the School of International Studies, University of Trento (Italy)

02/2012 – 04/2018 – Trento, Italy

COORDINATOR PHD PROGRAMME IN INTERNATIONAL STUDIES – School of International Studies, University of Trento

Coordinator for two mandates (6 years); scientific coordination and administrative responsibility for the PhD programme of the School of International Studies

2000 – 2017 – Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

SENIOR RESEARCH ADVISOR – Institute for Studies on Federalism and Regionalism Eurac Research - European Academ

Tasks in the institute comprise leading research groups in project activities, contribution to strategic planning and supervision individual research activities of junior staff.

Further activities comprise networking as well as teaching (e.g. at Summer and Winter Schools).

2017 – CURRENT – Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

VICE-DIRECTOR – Institute for Comparative Federalism, Eurac Research - European Academy

2000 – 2010 – Trento, Italy

LECTURER AND RESEARCHER, CAREER TRACK (RICERCATORE CONFERMATO) – University of Trento

Full-time member of Faculty, autonomous teaching and research

2000 – 2007 – Trento, Italy

COORDINATOR (LAW AREA) – University of Trento

"Joint Master for Comparative Local Development"; joint degree of Universities Trento, Regensburg, Budapest (Corvinus) und Ljubljana - Erasmus Mund

Member of coordination board, responsible for legal contents, teacher

1994 – 2000 – Bolzano/Bozen, Italy

SENIOR RESEARCHER AT THE EUROPEAN ACADEMY IN BOLZANO – European Academy (Eurac)

Research Area "Minorities and Autonomies" (1996-2000 also Coordinator of this Research Area)

Collaborator of the research department from its very foundation in 1994. As coordinator closely involved with the two co-directors of the department in its strategic development, the creation of a scientific network with a dozen universities and research-institutions all over Europe and the US, the development of post-graduate teaching programs and the acquisition of financial means, thereby not only coordinating the research-department, but also representing it in the public.

Execution and co-ordination of research and applied projects in the field of minority protection, regional and federal structures. Among others:

— 1997. Member of a team of experts for a study aimed at elaborating new means for the protection of minorities and minority languages in the framework of European Union law. The result was a package of mainly soft-law measures (joint declaration, recommendation, European Monitoring Centre, EU Action Programme) on human rights, minority protection, respect and promotion of cultural diversity, and economic and social cohesion by means of intercultural co-operation.

— 1997-2000. Expert in a technical assistance project to Tibetan delegation (Ministers and high ranking officials from the Tibetan Government-in-Exile, scholars and others) which visited Italy in 1997, 1998 and 1999. Facilitator and mediator in the process of exposing Tibetan representatives with self-determination in the frame of autonomy arrangements. Advice/consulting to the Tibetan Government-in-Exile to Dharamsala, India (short-term missions in 1998 and 1999).

— 1998. Member of a team of experts working on the role of sub-national entities in the elaboration and implementation of Community law. The study included a comparative analysis of the Austrian, Belgian, German and Spanish experience and a set of proposals relevant to the Italian institutional and legal framework.

02/2000 – Bosnia and Herzegovina

EXPERT

Participation in OSCE-Conference on Constitution and the Democratic Control of the Armed Forces in BiH

03/2001 – Serbia

EXPERT

Study visit to Serbia (Belgrade, University of Novi Sad and Open University of Subotica)

02/2002 – Bosnia and Herzegovina

SHORT-TERM EXPERT

EU-GTZ project “Support of the Common Institutions of the State of Bosnia-Herzegovina”

01/2003 – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

SHORT-TERM EXPERT

EU-GTZ project “Support of the Common Institutions of the State of Bosnia-Herzegovina” - Civil Service Agency

02/2004 – 07/2004

EXPERT - WESTERN BALKANS (CARDS) – EU Commission

Judicial reforms: fact finding missions and study for EU Commission: “*Re-enforcement of the Rule of Law in the Western Balkans. Division of competencies and interrelations between courts, prosecutors, the police, the executive and legislative powers in the Western Balkans countries* (CARDS strategic studies 2003)” <http://www.suedosteuropa.uni-graz.at/en/project/re-enforcement-rule-law>

2006 – 2008 – Trento, Italy

COORDINATION AND RESEARCH

Coordination and research in a two-years research project on “*Constitutional Transformations in the Western Balkans*”, co-financed by the Italian Ministry for University and Research. The project analysed the process of constitutional transformation and the legal recognition and treatment of diversity in the new Constitutions of SEE.

The University of Trento was national coordinator (prof. Roberto Toniatti) of five research units (Universities of Bari, Pescara, Teramo, Trento, Trieste) and, as research unit, focusing on the interaction of two crucial aspects in transition: territorial organisation (in particular

differentiated treatment and special status of some territories) and cultural pluralism (in part. Minority-protection and multiculturalism).

06/2008 – 09/2008 – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

RESEARCH SCHOLARSHIP

Research Scholarship “Erasmus Mundus”: research on constitutional transition in BiH (2 months stay in Sarajevo)

12/2009 – 04/2010 – Vienna, Sarajevo, Austria

PRESENTATIONS AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES – University of Vienna and University of Sarajevo

“Democracy in a Multi-Ethnic Society: Experiences and Challenges in BiH. Implications of the Judgement of the ECHR in the Case of Sejdić and Finci vs. BiH and Future Perspectives for Constitutional Reform in BiH”, and: “*Federalism in Bosnia-Herzegovina: United in Diversity? Which kind of federalism for Bosnia and Herzegovina?*”

05/2010 – 07/2010 – Bosnia and Herzegovina

SELECTED MEMBER STATE EXPERT – EU Commission TAIEX, DG Enlargement

“Assessment of the Judiciary in Bosnia and Herzegovina”, EU Commission TAIEX, DG Enlargement (Reference code: JHA IND/EXP 41868). Fact Finding Mission (two weeks, May 2010).

Objectives: a) to identify priority areas for future EU support to the reform of the judicial system, in view of its alignment to European standards; b) to identify and analyse specific areas, within the judiciary sector, where the lack of progress is particularly relevant to the European integration process and that could therefore be considered for future IPA support particularly within the framework of the Multi-annual Indicative Planning Document (MIPD) for the years 2011-13.

09/2011 – 06/2012 – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

EXPERT – European Academy Sarajevo, Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Project “Interreligious Dialogue”; Seminars and Report; European Academy Sarajevo and Konrad Adenauer Foundation,(Report Sarajevo Dec. 2012)

09/2011 – Srebrenica, Bosnia and Herzegovina

EXPERT AND SPEAKER – Fondazione Alexander Langer

Seminar “Constitutional System and Reform Issues in Bosnia and Herzegovina” in Srebrenica; Fondazione Alexander Langer, Bolzano-Bozen, V Settimana Internazionale della Memoria

02/11/2011 – Skopje, North Macedonia

EXPERT AND KEY NOTE SPEAKER

Key Note Speaker at Regional Conference in Skopje. Paper Presentation: “Constitutional Challenges of EU Accession for SEE Applicant Countries: A Comparative Approach”; Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Rule of Law in SEE-program

12/2011 – North Macedonia

EXPERT, MONITORING MISSION – Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Expert, Monitoring Mission for the Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe; Country Report on the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Governance in North Macedonia (FYROM)

04/2012 – North Macedonia

SELECTED MEMBER STATE EXPERT – EU Commission TAIEX, DG Enlargement

“Assessment of the Judiciary in Macedonia”, EU Commission TAIEX, DG Enlargement (TAIEX Assessment Mission on Judiciary to the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia (JHA 48054). (one week, April 2012)

03/12/2012 – Bosnia and Herzegovina

SPEAKER AND SELECTED MEMBER STATE EXPERT – EU Commission, TAIEX, DG Enlargement

“European standards in the field of independence and professionalism of the justice sector, best practices on the role and composition of supreme judicial councils”, Seminar, Sarajevo, EU Commission TAIEX, DG Enlargement (JHA 51155)

09/2012 – 09/2013 – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

EXPERT – European Academy Sarajevo and Konrad Adenauer Foundation

Project “The Constitutional, Legal and Factual Position of the Croat Constituent People”; Seminars and Study; European Academy Sarajevo and Konrad Adenauer Foundation, Feb. 2014

2018 – Mostar, Bosnia and Herzegovina

EXPERT, POST-MONITORING MISSION – Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

2018 – 2019 – Bosnia and Herzegovina

EXPERT, MONITORING MISSION – Congress of Local and Regional Authorities of the Council of Europe

Country Report on the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Governance in Bosnia and Herzegovina

07/2018 – 01/2020 – Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina

SENIOR INTERNATIONAL LEGAL ADVISOR ON EU INTEGRATION MATTERS – High Judicial and Prosecutorial Council of BiH

Technical assistance and monitoring of reform process at HJPC and in BiH judiciary; coordination with EU Delegation in BiH and European Commission (DG NEAR and DG JUST). Permanent presence in Sarajevo.

2011 – CURRENT

MEMBER OF THE GROUP OF INDEPENDENT EXPERTS (FOR GERMANY) – Congress of Local and Regional Authorities, Council of Europe

Monitoring the implementation of the European Charter of Local Self-Government

Various missions and participation in thematic reports:

- 12/2011 Monitoring mission to North **Macedonia** (fYROM)
- 06 + 11/2012 Monitoring mission to **United Kingdom** (incl. Scotland and Wales)
- 2013 – 2014 Member of study-group on **“Regionalism after the Financial Crisis”**
- 09/2014 Post-Monitoring mission to **Armenia** (Yerevan, Gyumri and Sisian - workshops)
- 04/2015 Post-Monitoring mission to **Armenia** (Yerevan, conference)
- 11/2015 Post-Monitoring mission to **Armenia** (Yerevan, Ministry of Local Self-Government)
- 04/2016 Post-Monitoring mission to **Armenia** (Dilijan - workshop)
- 06/2018 Post-Monitoring mission to **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Mostar)
- 11/2018 +
- 02/2019 Monitoring mission to **Bosnia and Herzegovina** (Sarajevo, Banja Luka, Mostar, Zenica, Jablanica, Eastern Sarajevo)

2000 – CURRENT

MEMBER OF EDITORIAL BOARD / PERMANENT COOPERATION WITH LAW REVIEWS:

Since 2000 *Diritto Pubblico Comparato ed Europeo* (DPCE), il Mulino, Bologna (until 2015: Giappichelli, Torino) - Italian Review on Comparative Public and European Law

Since 2000 Quaderni Costituzionali, il Mulino, Bologna
correspondent for "cronache dall'estero - Germania e Austria" - constitutional chronicle on Germany and Austria

Referee and Reviewer for various Journals

2007 – CURRENT

VICE-PRESIDENT – Euroregional Association for Comparative Public and European Law

The Euroregional Association for Comparative Public Law and European Law is a cross-border research network in the fields of comparative public law and EU law located in the “Euroregion” of Tyrol, South Tyrol and Trentino.

The Association, established under Italian law in Trento on 14 February 2004, offers a forum of academic discussion and co-operation among legal scholars and practitioners. Its members are professors and researchers from the law faculties of the Universities of Innsbruck, Trento and Verona as well as the European Academy Bozen/Bolzano, but also qualified practitioners from the regional and provincial public administration. Co-operation focuses on joint projects, conferences and publications.

[www.jus-euroregionale.org]

05/09/2016 – 04/05/2018 – Trento, Italy

VICE-PRESIDENT CONSULTA – Autonomous Province of Trento - Provincial Assembly

The Consulta for the reform of the Basic Law (*statuto d'autonomia*) of the Autonomous Region of Trentino-South Tyrol was an expert body representing institutions and organised civil society with the mandate to a) elaborate proposals for a reform of the Basic Law and b)

to organise and supervise a participatory process of discussion of those proposals. It was the first time that such an exercise in deliberative democracy has taken place with the aim of reforming the very basis of the autonomy system. In the neighbouring Autonomous Province Bolzano/South Tyrol a similar process took place.

The tasks as Vice-President comprised coordination, supervision, chairing and legislative drafting.

Further info: <https://www.riformastatuto.tn.it>

● EDUCATION AND TRAINING

1991 – Regensburg, Germany

Law Degree (1. Juristisches Staatsexamen) – University of Regensburg

1991 – 1992 – Regensburg, Germany

Assistant to the Chair of Comparative Public Law and European Community Law – Chair held by Prof. Dr. Rainer Arnold, Faculty of Law, University of Regensburg, Germany

1994 – Regensburg, Germany

Bar exam (2. Juristisches Staatsexamen)

1998 – Regensburg, Germany

PhD in Comparative Public Law (summa cum laude) – Faculty of Law, University of Regensburg

Field(s) of study

- Comparative Public Law

Summa cum laude |

Konfliktregelung und Kooperation im italienischen und deutschen Verfassungsrecht. Nomos 1999

<https://www.nomos-shop.de/titel/konfliktregelung-und-kooperation-im-italienischen-und-deutschen-verfassungsrecht-id-82687/>

● LANGUAGE SKILLS

Mother tongue(s): **GERMAN**

	UNDERSTANDING		SPEAKING		WRITING
	Listening	Reading	Spoken production	Spoken interaction	
ITALIAN	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
FRENCH	A2	A2	A1	A1	A1
ENGLISH	C2	C2	C2	C2	C2
BOSNIAN	A1	A1	A1	A1	A1

Levels: A1 and A2: Basic user; B1 and B2: Independent user; C1 and C2: Proficient user

● DIGITAL SKILLS

Microsoft Word | Microsoft Excel | Outlook | Power Point | Facebook | Google Drive | Google Docs | Microsoft Teams | LinkedIn | Skype | Twitter | Organizational and planning skills | Good listener and communicator | Decision-making | Reliability | Analytical skills